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Dear Justice Hesse:

For the last two days I have attended a business seminar in the state of Kansas aimed at getting minorities and women into business and keeping them afloat once they have set up. With the today's economy this is a major task and extremely hard for minorities and women.

I am writing to you today to convey my support for the Microsoft settlement.

The United States as well as Kansas is currently going through some hard economic times and it is twice as bad for small business owners that are minorities or women. Numerous businesses and companies are losing money and having to lay-off employees. On today's news it was announced that as many as 1.6 would be unemployed at the end of 2002. An important factor in bringing about a recovery is to allow new and innovative products to stimulate growth.

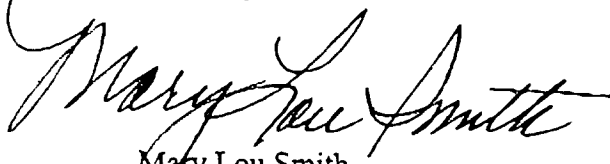
The Microsoft Corporation is a leading pioneer in technology. Microsoft is currently spending billions on new, inventive technology and is working to stay competitive. These innovations spread economic growth throughout the entire nation. Direct results of technological advances have been market expansion, job creation, and the production of wealth and capital. These are not easy times for our nation; our government should do everything in its power to encourage growth and economic expansion. That is why I am sending you my support for the recent settlement of the Microsoft case, I understand that Microsoft agrees to share its intellectual property and creates new relations with hardware and software developers. It was the right thing to do and Americans from all walks of life will be better off.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Harry S. Truman, Presiding Judge, 1927-1934

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Lou Smith". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mary Lou Smith
Director

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